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Introduction

In accordance with the accepted forms of the Red Army's higher troop units [soyedineniye] and Patriotic War experience, the *Polevoy Ustav* provides directions on the tactical employment of the army (rifle corps) and rifle division (brigade), as well as cavalry, tank and mechanized unit [soyedineniye] and combat aviation.

Patriotic War practice indicates that certain provisions of the 1936 *Polevoy Ustav* already have become obsolete and require thorough revision.

This *Ustav* examines modern combat primarily as the combat of combined combat arms in which diverse combat equipment participates en masse: artillery of all kinds, mortars, tanks and aircraft. This requires the strictly adjusted tactical coordination of all combat arms, since success can be achieved only by the united efforts of all combat arms.

Command personnel at all levels and of all combat arms must be imbued with the thought of the absolute need for continuous coordination in combat and must practically master the techniques of organizing it, which are provided in the *Ustav*.

Combat conditions are diverse and the *Ustav* cannot give exhaustive directions for all instances of combat practice. It establishes only basic principles for conducting combat actions and the techniques of troop leadership.

In addition to firm knowledge, war demands that commanders at all levels also have the art of and abilities for clear judgement, a broad outlook, and creative initiative.

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